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IN THE
STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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LIST

OF THE

CLERGY AND LAY DEPUTIES

WHO COMPOSED THE CONVENTION.

CLERGY.

THE Right Rev. *William White*, D. D. Senior Bishop of the American Protestant Episcopal Church, presiding in the House of Bishops, Bishop of the Diocese, and rector of Christ church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Right Rev. *Henry U. Onderdonk*, D. D. Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *James Abercrombie*, D. D. senior assistant minister of Christ church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *James Montgomery*, D. D. rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *William H. De Lancey*, D. D. Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *William Cooper Mead*, D. D. rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Levi Bull*, rector of St. Mary's church, Chester county, Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county, and St. Thomas's church, Morgantown, Berks county.

The Rev. *George Boyd*, rector of St. John's church, N. L. Philadelphia.

The Rev. *George Sheets*, rector of Trinity church, Oxford, and All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. *Samuel C. Brincklé*, rector of St. David's (Radnor) church, Newtown, Delaware county, and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

The Rev. *John Rodney, jr.* rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. *Richard U. Morgan*, rector of St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county, and Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. *John Reynolds*, rector of St. John's church, Norristown, and St. James's church, Perkiomen, Montgomery county.

The Rev. *Samuel Bowman*, rector of St. James's church, Lancaster.

The Rev. *William Bryant*, residing in Philadelphia, teaching a school, and officiating in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *James May*, rector of St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county.

The Rev. *George Kirk*, missionary, officiating in St. John's church, New London Cross Roads, Chester county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *George Mintzer*, missionary, rector of St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin, Berks county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Stephen H. Tyng*, rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Henry J. Morton*, assistant minister of St. James's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *John W. James*, rector of Christ church, Meadville, Crawford county, missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Greenbury W. Ridgely*, rector of St. James the Greater's church, Bristol, Bucks county.

The Rev. *Lyman N. Freeman*, rector of Christ church, Brownsville, Fayette county, missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *George E. Hare*, deacon, rector of St. John's church, Carlisle.

Total 24.

LAY DEPUTIES.

Allegheny County. Pittsburg, Trinity church, *John D. Davis*, *Charles Shaler*.

Berks county. St. Gabriel's church, *Levi B. Smith*.

Chester county. East Nantmeal township, St. Mary's church, *Peter Dampman*.

New London, St. John's church, *Charles M'Donald*.
 West Whiteland township, (Great Valley,) St. Peter's church, *Cromwell Pearce*.
 St. John's church, Pequea, *Elias Baker*.
Crawford county. Meadville, Christ church, *John B. Wallace*.
Cumberland county. Carlisle, St. John's church, *Samuel M'Crosky*.
Dauphin county. Harrisburgh, St. Stephen's church, *James Peacock*.
Delaware county. Marcus Hook, St. Martin's church, *Thomas Robinson*.
 Radnor, St. David's church, *John Hunter, Isaac Norton*.
Lancaster county. Leacock, Christ church, *John Lightner*.
 Churchtown, Bangor church, *Coleman R. Jacobs*.
Montgomery county. Perkiomen, St. James's church, *Jesse Bean*.
 Norristown, St. John's church, *John Freedley, Philip Kendall, S. D. Patterson*.
 Pottstown, Christ church, *Robert E. Hobart*.
Philadelphia city and county. Christ church, *Philip H. Nicklin, George Tryon, Horace Binney*.
 St. Peter's church, *William Meredith, John Miller, jr.*
 St. James's church, *Thomas Hale, John Read, Durden B. Carter*.
 St. Paul's church, *Richard Renshaw, John Farr*.
 St. Stephen's church, *Samuel Hazlehurst*.
 St. Andrew's church, *Cornelius Stevenson, Jacob Lex, Thomas Robins*.
 St. John's church, N. L. *James Vinyard, John M'Kinley*.
 Trinity church, Southwark, *Arthur Stotesbury, George P. Story, Richard Palmer*.
 Grace church, Penn township, *Dr. W. D. Brincklé, F. W. Porter*.
 Lower Dublin, All Saints' church, *Samuel Cox*.
 Oxford, Trinity church, *Lynford Lardner*.
 Germantown, St. Luke's church, *Samuel Wagner, Wyndham H. Stokes*.

Total, 45.

The following clergymen, entitled to seats in the convention, were *not present* at this convention.

The Rev. *Joseph Hutchins*, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Francis Reno*, officiating in Beaver county.

The Rev. *John Taylor*, residing in the city of Pittsburg.

The Rev. *William Hilton*, missionary, rector of St. Peter's church, Butler, Butler county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Bennet Glover*, deacon, missionary, officiating in St. Paul's church, Erie, and St. Peter's church, Waterford, Erie county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Gregory T. Bedell*, D. D. rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Sanson K. Brunot*, missionary, rector of Christ church, Allegheny county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Samuel Marks*, missionary, rector of St. Mark's church, New Bedford, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *John V. E. Thorne*, rector of Christ church, Huntington, Adams county.

The Rev. *Bird Wilson*, D. D. professor of systematic divinity in the General Theological Seminary.

Total, 10.

The following lay deputies entitled, by the certificates presented, to seats in the convention, did not answer to their names.

From St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county, *F. D. Baker*, *Amos S. Henderson*.

St. Stephen's church, Harrisburgh, Dauphin county, *Dr. E. W. Roberts*, *James S. Espy*.

Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county, *John Yeates*, *N. F. Lightner*.

St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county, *James McClintock*.

St. Peter's church, Philadelphia, *Joshua Percival*.

St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia, *Edmund Wilcox*, *Dr. Horner*.

St. John's church, N. L. *John Ashburner*.

St. Luke's church, Germantown, *Benjamin Chew*.

Grace church, Penn township, *P. E. Hamm*.

Total 13.

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PHILADELPHIA, ST. JAMES'S CHURCH,
Tuesday, May 15th, 1832, 6 o'clock, P. M.

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Right Rev. *William White*, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and the Right Rev. *Henry U. Onderdonk*, D. D. Assistant Bishop of the Diocese, with several Clergymen and Lay Deputies, attended in St. James's Church, Philadelphia, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The chair was taken by the Bishop, and the meeting proceeded to organize.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats, was called over by the Secretary, and the following answered to their names and took their seats.

Rt. Rev. Wm. White, D. D.	Rev. John Reynolds,
Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk,	Samuel Bowman,
D. D.	R. U. Morgan,
Rev. J. Abercrombie, D. D.	James May,
J. Montgomery, D. D.	William Bryant,
William H. De Lancey,	John W. James,
D. D.	George Mintzer,
Wm. Cooper Mead, D. D.	Henry J. Morton,
Levi Bull,	Lyman N. Freeman,
George Sheets,	George E. Hare,
John Rodney, Jr.	

The following Lay Deputies presented certificates of their appointment, answered to their names, and took their seats:

John B. Wallace,	John Miller, jr.
Samuel Hazlehurst,	Thomas Hale,
Cornelius Stevenson,	Durden B. Carter,
James Vinyard,	Arthur Stotesbury,
Jacob Lex	Samuel Cox,
Levi B. Smith,	Jesse Bean,

John M'Kinley,
 Thomas Robinson,
 John Lightner,
 Richard Palmer,
 Horace Binney,
 John Read,
 Dr. W. D. Brincklé,
 F. W. Porter,
 P. H. Nicklin,
 William Meredith,

George Tryon,
 Samuel M'Crosky,
 James Peacock,
 John Hunter,
 John Freedly,
 Philip Kendall,
 Samuel D. Patterson,
 John Farr,
 Richard Renshaw.

On motion, the Convention went into an election of a Secretary, when the Rev. *William H. De Lancey*, D. D. having declined a re-election, the Rev. *Wm. Cooper Mead*, D. D. Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia, was chosen.

The standing rules of order were then read by the Secretary, from the revised regulations.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer prescribed by the Bishop.

2. When the president takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the president, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

8. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing when required.

10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the president leave the chair.

To which, was added, on motion, the following :

13. The house shall hold two sessions every day : viz. from 9 o'clock, A. M. to 2 o'clock, P. M., and from 4 o'clock, P. M. to 7 o'clock, P. M. ; provided that the house will not meet on Wednesday morning until 10 o'clock.

On motion of Dr. *De Lancey*.

Resolved, That such clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, belonging to this Diocese, not entitled to seats in this Convention, and such clergymen not belonging to this Diocese, and such students in divinity in the Episcopal Church as may be now in the city, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

Whereupon the following gentlemen attended the sittings of the Convention.

The Rev. Messrs. *Henderson, Hutchins, Cruse, Davis, Allen, Chambers, De Pui, Chaderton, Clay, Cooper, Smith, and Jaquett*, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania : the Rev. Messrs. *Breintnall and Croes*, of the Diocese of New York : the Rev. Mr. *Matthews*, of the Diocese of New Jersey : the Rev. *H. Gibbes*, of the Diocese of South Carolina : and Messrs. *Prevost, Whitesides, and Callahan*, candidates for orders in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

A list of the clergy absent from the last Convention, was called over according to Canon XIV. Section 5 :

When the Rev. Mr. *James* offered an excuse for his absence, which, on motion, was accepted as satisfactory.

On motion, *ordered*, that when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet to-morrow, to attend divine service in this church, at 10 o'clock, A. M. *Adjourned*.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. JAMES'S CHURCH,

Wednesday, May 16th, 1832, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The convention met and attended divine service.

Morning prayers were read by the Rev. *Samuel Bowman*, rector of St. James's church, Lancaster, and a charge delivered by the Right Rev. *William White*, D. D., after which, the holy communion was administered.

The service being concluded, the Convention was called to order for business.

The roll was called.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The following clergymen entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:—

Rev. Messrs. *Brincklé, Kirke, Ridgely, Tyng.*

The following lay deputies presented certificates of their appointments, answered to their names, and took their seats:

Robert E. Hobart, Peter Dampman, Charles McDonald, J. D. Davis, Isaac Norton, Elias Baker, Charles Shaler.

The following lay deputies, entitled to seats, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:

George P. Story, Wyndham H. Stokes, and Samuel Wagner.

The Right Rev. Bishop *White* delivered his Annual Address.

ADDRESS.

Brethren, the Clerical and the Lay members of this Convention :—

Agreeably to the forty-fifth canon of 1808, I present to you an account of my agency in the Episcopacy, since the last Convention. It is much reduced in extent, from that of former years; owing, partly, to the exertions of my Right Reverend brother, the Assistant Bishop; and, partly, to the still existing duties of a parochial nature.

On the 22d of September, I consecrated to the Episcopacy the Rev. Levi S. Ives, D. D. Bishop Elect of the Diocese of North Carolina.

On Sunday, October 9, I admitted the Rev. Henry J. Morton, and the Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, Deacons, to the holy order of Priests.

On the 18th of December, I held a confirmation in Saint Paul's Church, in this city.

On the 29th of January, I held a confirmation and preached, in St. Andrew's Church, in this city.

On the 13th of April, I performed the same services in St. Stephen's Church, in this city.

And on the 21st of the same month, I confirmed in Christ Church, in this city.

The following changes have taken place in the Ministry of the Diocese:

The Rev. Edward Rutledge has sunk under the complaint with which he was afflicted in this city; and has died in much esteem, both here and in his native state of South Carolina, to which he had retired in a late stage of his disorder. The following brethren have received Letters of Dismission from the Diocese. The Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D. to Connecticut; Rev. John P. Robinson, to Ohio; Rev. John H. Hopkins, to Massachusetts; Rev. Lucius Carter, to New-York; and the Rev. Pierce Connelly, to Mississippi. The Rev. William Charderton, has accepted a temporary appointment for St. Peter's Church, in this city. The Rev. Jehu C. Clay, has resigned the Rectory of St. James's Church, Perkiomen, and St. John's church, Norristown, being elected to that of the three Swedish Churches near this city. The Rev. John Reynolds has resigned the Rectory of St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg, and accepted that of St. John's Church, Norristown, and St. James's church, Perkiomen. The Rev. George Upfold, D. D. has been elected to the Rectorship of Trinity Church, Pittsburg. The Rev. Sanson K. Brunot, has removed his residence and his ministerial services from Greensburg to the town of Allegheny. The Rev. Corry Chambers is elected to the Rectorship of St. Mark's Church, Lewistown. The Rev. Christian F. Cruse, formerly of Connecticut, has been chosen to, and settled in a station in the University of this city. The Rev. Cyrus H. Jacobs, has been chosen Rector of Grace Church, Penn township, Philadelphia. The Rev. Frederick W. Beasley, Jr. lately of New Jersey, has been elected to the Rectorship of Trinity Church, Easton. The Rev. Henry Alden, lately of the same state, has become a resident of this Diocese. The Rev. Benjamin Hutchins, originally of this state, has again become a resident in it. And the Rev. Raymond A. Henderson, has returned from Florida, and has become an assistant minister of the Swedish Churches, in and near Philadelphia.

The number of Candidates for the Ministry in this Diocese, is eighteen. Their names are, John Campbell, Darius Williams, Jr. David Dick, Charles Shaler, Edward Y. Buchanan, Richard Collier, Augustine P. Prevost, Samuel Tiffany Lord, Henry S. Nightingale, William Adderly, Thomas Crumpton, Henry B. Page, George W. Cole, Samuel A. McCrosky, George C. Drake, John B. Foster, Henry F. M. Whitesides, and Samuel G. Callahan.

My confirmations have been 137. The Assistant Bishop will report the number confirmed by him.

I proceed to give a cursory view of the state of our ecclesiastical institutions.

The Executive Committee of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, are in the habit of bestowing much time and attention on the important subject of their trust: and although they are not without evidence of an increasing interest taken in its success, yet the expectations of aid from it are so disproportioned to their means, as to cause a pressure on their funds at this time. They have found a welcome support in favour of the interesting settlement at Green Bay: the whole expense of which has been assumed by the Convention of New York. Still, there is the demand for a greater excitement of endeavour, than has been hitherto manifested, either in the domestic or in the foreign department of this institution.

The Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, is still efficient; although not to the extent which would be the result of a due estimate of its object—the furnishing of every vicinity of our commonwealth with the enjoyment of a gospel ministry, on the ground of the doctrines, the worship, and the discipline of our church. The number of missionaries at present is thirteen. The society continues to be aided by its very active auxiliary, the Female Tract Society; whose publications during the year have been considerable, and of a beneficial character.

The General Episcopal Sunday School Union, increases in the number of its auxiliaries, and in the utility of rendering that mean of instruction coincident with the maintaining of the integrity of our communion. There is at this time depending, the question, whether there shall be a diocesan society in this state, to be the organ of communication between the general union and the local schools, or whether there shall be an immediate communication of these two agencies with one another.

Concerning the corporation for the relief of the widows and the children of deceased clergymen, I have still to lament, that the benefit is not likely to be proportioned to the amount of the stock, owing to the paucity of previous contributions. There have been too many effects of this laxity, in the privations of widows and of children. The stock now amounts to above \$50,000. There are only one family annuitants on the fund; and considering the amplitude of it, the corporation have thought themselves warranted in increasing their legal claim in the past and in the present year, 500 per cent.

The state of the Episcopal Fund will be laid before the Convention by its treasurer. There must be seen cause of regret, in the slowness of the gatherings for the reimburse-

ment of a loan so honourably contributed without interest; and to secure this part of the fund for the support of any future Bishop.

This Diocese having always felt an interest in the Bible Society, although not attached exclusively to our Church, it will be pertinent to mention, that they have lately resolved on an endeavour to raise \$10,000, for the distribution of the Bible in the Sandwich Islands, and in other distant countries. Your Bishop cannot but wish success to the measure, and for a co-operation in it.

My Right Rev. brother, the Assistant Bishop, will give an account of his labours within the year.

Nothing remains, brethren, but to express my hope of the blessing of God on your deliberations; and to assure you of my hearty concurrence, in whatever may be suggested by you, for the good of our holy religion, and of our church.

WM. WHITE.

The Right Rev. Bishop *Onderdonk* delivered his annual address.

ADDRESS.

Brethren, the Clerical and Lay Members of this Convention:—

I again commence my canonical report to you with the grateful record of the continued life and health of our venerable diocesan. It is worthy of notice, that, by means of his protracted episcopal ministration, our bishops to this date trace their succession to the episcopal line of the Church of England with only one intervening link. The latest consecration was that of the Rev. Levi Silliman Ives, D. D. to fill the vacancy occasioned by the decease of Bishop Ravenscroft. It was held in Trinity Church, Southwark, on the 22d of September. And the diocesan thus given to our church in North Carolina is fulfilling the expectations of great usefulness which were confidently indulged from the time of his election.

The following statement will show the duties I have performed since the last meeting of the Convention:

In the various churches in Philadelphia, I have *preached* thirty-nine times on twenty-one Sundays, Thanksgiving-day, Good-Friday, and another week-day. At Moyamensing school-house, I have preached three times; at the House of Refuge, twice; and at the Orphan House, once.

In May last, I preached at Connelville, twice; at Uniontown; in Grace Church, Manaleny; at Brownsville, three times;

in St. Peter's Church, Pike Run; in June, at Georgetown, twice; in St. Paul's, Beaver county; at Beaver; Pittsburgh, twice; Blairsville, twice; Greensburgh, twice; and at Bedford, twice. In June, I preached also at Morlatten, twice; at Pottstown; at Baumtown; and in St. John's Church, Robeson township, where there is a place of worship which belongs in part, I am informed, to persons of our denomination. During the same month I officiated also at Oxford. In July, I preached at Whitemarsh, Norristown, and Perkiomen. In August, at Whitemarsh. In October, I preached at New Milford, twice; Montrose, three times; Friendsville, twice; Orwell; Pike, (Wyalusing Creek;) Springville, three times; Wilkesbarre, three times; and at a school-house near the latter place. In November, I preached at Oxford; Lower Dublin; and Radnor, where the church has been handsomely repaired. In December, I preached at Germantown, twice; at Bristol; and in a house a few miles from that town. In January, 1832, I officiated at Manayunk, twice; at Churchtown; at Easton, twice; and at Holmesburgh. In February, at Germantown; and at Manayunk, four times. In April, at Reading, twice; at Lancaster, twice; and at Manayunk, twice. And, on the first Sunday of the present month, I preached at Oxford, Lower Dublin, and Holmesburgh.

In the diocese of Delaware, I have officiated on two Sundays, and several week days. At Elkton, in Maryland, I preached on the evening of one of the Sundays mentioned. At Camden, in New Jersey, I have officiated five times, and administered the holy communion. On one Sunday, I was prevented from officiating by sickness. And on Ash-Wednesday, I did not officiate, though in health.

I have *baptized* twelve children—six, at Uniontown; four, at St. Paul's, Beaver county; and two, at Bedford; besides others that will be included in the parochial reports. The *holy communion* I have administered thirteen times, in this diocese, on ordinary occasions, and twice in private to the sick.

At Pittsburg, I *confirmed* 21 persons; at Blairsville, 7; at Greensburg, 4; at Morlatten, 28; at Oxford, 3; at Norristown, 15; at New Milford, 6; at Montrose, 7; at Friendsville, 5; at Pike, 1; at Springville, 3; at Wilkesbarre, 2; at Radnor, 8; at Easton, 29; at Germantown, 7; at Reading, 9; at Lancaster, 6; and at Lower Dublin, 3.

On Sunday, June 5th, in Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, I admitted Samuel West Selden, to the holy order of deacons.

On Tuesday, June 7th, I *consecrated* St. Peter's church,

Blairsville, a neat and commodious edifice of brick, the features of its architecture Gothic, and well arranged for our services. On Sunday, January 15th, I consecrated Bangor church, Churchtown; this building takes the place of the former one, which was old and greatly out of repair; it is very substantial, the walls of stone, and is neatly finished and arranged. On Monday, January 30th, I consecrated Emanuel chapel, Holmesburgh, erected in the parish of All Saints, Lower Dublin, and for the convenience of part of the congregation and of the growing town in which it stands: the land was given, and one of the largest contributions subscribed, by a lady residing in the neighbourhood; the building is of stone, covered with cement, and remarkably neat in its finish and arrangements.

Places of worship are *erecting* at Montrose, Springville, Hulmeville, (Bucks county,) Connelville, Butler, and Kittanning. At Manayunk, Honesdale, and Belle-Fonte, efforts are making to raise funds for the same purpose. At Allegheny, a building has been erected for the temporary use of the congregation lately organized there.

In all the places visited, I have been received with the kindest and most hospitable attentions, and I have great pleasure in thus gratefully acknowledging them.

The Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, our *missionary* institution, continues its useful labours. Without making large pretensions, or exciting enthusiastic expectations, or fond but fallacious hopes, it is content with being a working society, efficient in full proportion to its means. I need not say that those means are much too small for its sphere of usefulness, and that, if the diocese would furnish it more ample resources, our church might be more extensively planted, and more efficiently matured, in many parts of this state. While I again would urge and enforce this consideration, I record, with gratitude to Divine Providence, that its operations have been somewhat increased during the past year.

Thirteen missionaries are now in the employ of this Society—viz:

1. Rev. Bennet Glover, at Erie, Erie county, and the vicinity.

2. Rev. John W. James, at Meadville, Crawford county, and the vicinity.

3. Rev. William Hilton, at Butler, Kittanning, and Harrisville.

4. Rev. Sanson K. Brunot, rendering occasional missionary

services in the congregation on Chartier's creek, Allegheny county.

5. Rev. Samuel W. Selden, at Georgetown and St. Paul's, Beaver county, and the vicinity.

6. Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, at Brownsville, Connellsville, and Grace church, Fayette county, and St. Peter's church, Washington county.

7. Rev. George Kirke, at New London cross roads, Chester county, and the vicinity.

8. Rev. George Mintzer, at Douglassville (Morlattin,) Berks county, and the vicinity.

9. Rev. Samuel Marks, at Montrose, New Milford, and Springville, Susquehanna county, and the vicinity.

10. Rev. James H. Tyng, at Honesdale, Wayne county, and the vicinity.

11. Rev. Frederick W. Beasley, at Easton, Northampton county.

12. Rev. William Bryant, at Moyamensing, Philadelphia county.

13. The Rev. Raymond A. Henderson, in the vicinity of Philadelphia.

The Rev. Lucius Carter and the Rev. Francis H. Cuming, recently missionaries, have left the service of the society, and have gone to other dioceses.

I record, with deep sorrow, the decease of the Rev. Edward Rutledge.

Nothing further occurs to me as requiring to be noticed in this address. Let me, however, remind you, in concluding it, that it is our duty to pray always for Zion, the Church of the Living God—"God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge"—may her palaces and her prosperity extend till she becomes "the joy of the whole earth!"

H. U. ONDERDONK.

Philadelphia, May 15th, 1832.

On motion of the *Secretary*, it was *ordered*, that the Rev. *John Rodney, jr.* and the Rev. *Dr. Montgomery*, be a committee to examine if there be any business of the last convention, to be acted upon by this convention.

On motion of the *Secretary*, it was *ordered*, that the Rev. Messrs. *Bowman* and *James*, and Mr. *Cox*, be a committee to inquire and report the number of trustees of the General Theological Seminary to which this diocese is entitled.

The Rev. *Dr. Mead* laid the minutes of the standing committee, for the last year, on the table, with the report of

the treasurer of the Convention, and that of the treasurer of the Episcopal fund.

The report of the trustees of the episcopal fund was read by the Rev. Dr. *Mead*, secretary of the standing committee.

On motion of the *Secretary*,

Resolved, that at five o'clock this afternoon, the clerical members be inquired of, within the regulation, in regard to the episcopal fund, for the past year, whether they have complied with the same, and what has been the amount of the collections respectively made in their churches for that object.

On motion, *ordered*, that the Rev. Dr. *De Lancey*, and the Rev. Mr. *Bowman* be a committee on the charters of those churches applying to be admitted into union with the Convention of this diocese.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. *Montgomery*,

Resolved, that when this Convention proceed to elect officers for the ensuing year, it be done at one ballot for the whole, in a general ticket.

On motion of Mr. *Meredith*, seconded by Mr. *Robinson*, it was

Resolved, That an entry be made on the minutes expressive of the respectful sense which the Convention entertains of the long continued and able services of its late Secretary, the Rev. Dr. De Lancey.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, P. M.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. JAMES'S CHURCH,
Wednesday, May 16th, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The roll was called.

Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

C. R. Jacobs, *Cromwell Pearce*, and *Lynford Lardner*, presented certificates of their appointment as Lay Deputies, and took their seats.

The Rev. *George Boyd* appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Mr. *Rodney*, from the committee to examine the Journal of the last Convention, with reference to unfinished business, made the following *Report*.

"The Committee appointed for the purpose report, that they have examined the Journals of the last Convention, and find no business left unfinished.

J. RODNEY, Jr. *Chairman*."

The Rev. Mr. *Bowman*, from the committee appointed to inquire and report the number of Trustees of the General

Theological Seminary to which this Diocese is entitled, made the following *Report*.

“The Committee appointed to ascertain how many Trustees for the General Theological Seminary this Convention is entitled to—report that the number is *eleven*.

SAMUEL BOWMAN,
SAMUEL COX,
JOHN W. JAMES.”

The Rev. Dr. *Mead*, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That 50 per cent. of the annual amount paid into the Convention, be appropriated, each year, under the direction of a Committee of the Convention, in aid of the expenses of such clergymen as attend the Convention from a distance, exceeding thirty miles.

Whereupon, Mr. *Wallace* moved to refer the resolution to a committee—which was carried. And Mr. *Wallace*, the Rev. Dr. *Mead*, the Rev. Mr. *Sheets*, and Mr. *Meredith*, were appointed said committee.

The Rev. Dr. *De Lancey*, from the committee to examine Charters, reported “that the committee, as appointed, was not in accordance with the provisions of the XVth Canon.” Whereupon, the committee was discharged, and a new committee, consisting of the following six persons, three of each order, was appointed: viz. Rev. Dr. *De Lancey*, Rev. Messrs. *Bowman* and *Rodney*, and Messrs. *Hale*, *Robinson*, and *Shaler*.

The hour having arrived, the clergy were called on to report respecting the collections for the Episcopal fund, when it appeared that the following clergymen had made the collections:

The Rt. Rev. Bishop White,	The Rev. Mr. Bowman,
The Rev. Dr. Montgomery,	Reynolds,
Mead,	Sheets,
Mr. Rodney,	May,
Bull,	Kirke,
Brincklé,	Hare.
Boyd,	

The following clergymen stated that they had not made the collection.

The Rev. Mr. James,	The Rev. Mr. Tyng,
Freeman,	Morgan.

The following clergymen were not present at the call:

Rev. Dr. Bedell,	Rev. Mr. Ridgely,
Mr. Bryant,	Hilton,
Brunot,	Mintzer,
Glover,	Thorn.
Marks,	

The Rev. Dr. *Montgomery* moved the following resolution, which was seconded by the Rev. Mr. *Sheets*.

Resolved, That at the next Convention, and at all future Conventions, the clergy be enquired of under the provision of regulation 6th, in reference to collections for the Episcopal fund; and that if such collections have not been made, nor sermons preached by any clergyman, he be required to assign the reasons of the neglect.

Whereupon, the Right Rev. *Bishop Onderdonk*, moved the indefinite postponement of the whole matter, which was carried.

On motion, the parochial reports were read.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Report of the Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, D. D., Rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

Marriages 16—Baptisms, adults 13—infants 49—total 62—funerals 10—Confirmed, January 29th, 45—Communicants last reported 241—Removals, &c. 15—Added 75.—Present total 301.

The Rector reports none as communicants who are not personally known to him as such, and a list of their names is annually published and distributed to the congregation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

1. Male Bible Class, No. 1,	Teacher	1	Scholars	29
2. do. do. do. 2,	do.	1	do.	21
3. do. Infant School,	do.	1	do.	84
4. do. School,	do.	6	do.	62
5. Female Bible Class, No. 1,	do.	1	do.	25
6. do. do. do. No. 2,	do.	1	do.	12
7. do. Infant School,	do.	1	do.	100
8. do. School,	do.	21	do.	210
9. do. Coloured School,	do.	18	do.	170
10. do. do. Infant School,	do.	1	do.	81
11. Male and Female Col'd. School,	do.	23	do.	300
		75		1094

There are five libraries connected with these schools, with an aggregate of 1000 volumes.

About forty other teachers, members of this Church, are occupied every Sunday, in schools not included in this list, but comprising at least 400 scholars in addition.

Male Bible Class, No. 1, and Female Bible Class, No. 1, are composed of those between the ages of 14 and 18, and are more advanced classes.

There are five societies attached to this for religious and charitable purposes. They have expended during the past year on the missionary and education causes, \$1375—have been instrumental in causing 3,184 visits to be made to the poor and destitute for the purpose of religious instruction, and have also caused the distribution of 33,000 pages of tracts.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Bowman, Rector of St. James' church, Lancaster, Lancaster County.

The report from St. James' Church for the last year is as follows:

April 8, 1832, a confirmation was held by the Assistant Bishop, when 6 persons received that solemn rite.

The number of baptisms is 26, of whom 2 were adults and 24 infants—Marriages 2—funerals 11—adults 7—infants 4—communicants, died 3—removed 2—added 7—total present number 62.

The Sunday School continues in successful operation. The number of teachers is about 30—of scholars about 170.

The Female Episcopal Tract Society, and the society auxiliary to the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, both continue their operations.

Report of the Rev. George Boyd, Rector of St. John's church, N. L., Philadelphia.

The Rector of St. John's Church, in the Northern Liberties, feels great satisfaction in reporting that the parish in which it is his lot to officiate, appears to him to be in a more flourishing condition than it was at the time when his last report was made.

The number of the communicants has been increased by the addition of 27 new members—present number 169. The marriages have been 14—funerals 26. The Sunday Schools continue very much in the same state that they were the last year. In the female school about 140 scholars have been in attendance. In the male school there have been about 80 in attendance. A female Bible class has been regularly pursuing the study of the Holy Scriptures for the last two years, with short intermission, under the care of the Rector. The class consists of about 70 members, and meets once every week.

Four catechetical classes, containing in all about 80 of the young persons belonging to the congregation, attend for instruction every Sunday afternoon in the Church.

During the past year the church edifice has been painted and cleaned and otherwise repaired and greatly beautified.

A new spirit appears to be rising in relation to the fiscal concerns of the congregation, from which it is hoped much important and permanent good will result.

Report of the Rev. S. C. Brincklé, Rector of St. David's (Radnor) church, Delaware County, and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester County.

St. David's (Radnor) Church.

Baptisms, adults 3—infants 3—total 6—communicants, added 4—total 24—marriages 15—funerals, not ascertained.

St. Peter's Church, Great Valley.

Baptisms, adults 2—infants 5—total 7—communicants, added 1—deceased 1—total 21—funerals, not ascertained.

The situation of these two churches is thought to be encouraging. At the visitation of the Rt. Rev. Assistant Bishop last November, to the first named church, the rite of confirmation was administered to eight persons. Collections have been taken up in both churches for the episcopal fund, and in St. Peter's church for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity—amounting for the former object to \$17 05, and for the latter \$7 50.

Report of the Rev. Sanson K. Brunot, Rector of Christ church, borough of Allegheny, and missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

Since the last convention, circumstances have occurred which rendered it a plain duty that I should reside in the immediate vicinity of Pittsburgh. I have resigned, although with reluctance, my former parishes of Blairsville and Greensburgh. These places have confident prospects of being supplied with another clergyman in a few weeks.

A new congregation was formed in July last, in the growing town of Allegheny, opposite to Pittsburgh, of which I have become the rector. A lot of ground has been purchased, and a church, sufficiently large for the present, has been erected. This building was opened on Christmas day, and regular services have been continued from that time. The Sunday school already numbers eight teachers and upwards of eighty scholars. The number of communicants has not yet been ascertained, as this congregation still unites with that of

Trinity church, Pittsburgh, on communion Sundays. Baptisms, infants 3—burials 3. No collections have yet been taken up in this young parish for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, or for the episcopal fund.

In November last I was appointed missionary in the service of the "Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania," to officiate at Chartier's Creek, about four miles from Pittsburgh. A small congregation assembles here in a school house. The number has been continually increasing, and if regular missionary services can only be obtained, a permanent episcopal church will be erected next spring. I officiate here on the first Sunday of every month; but in order to do this I must absent myself from the communion, and from my congregation in Allegheny. A devoted missionary is greatly needed in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, and we are not without the hope, that God will raise up such a one, to assist us in this wide and extensive field of labour. Day by day we can see the church of our affections "enlarging the place of her tent, and stretching forth the curtains of her habitation." Our principal want is faithful and self-denying men to minister at her altars, and to plant her holy worship in new and uncultivated ground.

Report of the Rev. Corry Chambers, Rector of St. Mark's church, Lewistown, St. John's church, Bellefonte, and Trinity church, Philipsburg.

Mr. Chambers arrived at Lewistown last November, where he found but a small remnant of the old congregation; this church having been a considerable time without a clergyman, there was consequently no addition of new members, while many of the old removed with their families to other places, some connected themselves to other congregations, and some were called the way of all the earth; in this situation his congregation for the first two or three weeks consisted of about twelve persons, but it increased gradually. On Christmas day he administered the holy communion, when he had six communicants; on Easter Sunday he again administered the holy communion there, when he had seventeen communicants, making an increase of eleven. Mr. C. has engaged with this congregation for one-third of his time, and feels himself justifiable in saying, that the church is largely attended, by other denominations as well as episcopalians, that he has every hope that this congregation will grow considerably. Baptisms, 1—funerals, 1—marriages, 1. There is a Sunday school attached

to this church, which is well attended with about thirty-four scholars.

Mr. Chambers arrived in Bellefonte in December last, where he found two or three families of episcopalians, went round to respectable persons in town, and obtained their consent to act as vestrymen, organized a vestry, commenced a subscription to build a new episcopal church, which is called St. John's church in our charter; here Mr. C. feels himself bound to acknowledge the liberality of the presbyterians in this neighbourhood, who have subscribed seven hundred dollars to assist in building the episcopal church. Mr. C. has made preparations for building this summer. The good prospects of this church increases daily, and twenty-three respectable families in the borough of Bellefonte and neighbourhood have connected themselves to it. Mr. C. gives one-third of his time to this congregation. Baptisms, 4—no communion has yet been administered here.

Mr. C. arrived at Philipsburg in December last, where he found the congregation in a similar state to that of Lewistown, having been a long time deprived of the services of an episcopal minister; with this congregation he made an agreement for one-third of his time, and he is happy to say, it is increasing considerably. Communicants, 19—baptisms, 1 adult—3 children—there is a Sunday school attached to this church in a flourishing condition, having one hundred and forty scholars, the teachers are very attentive.

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Report of the Rev. John B. Clemson, residing in the Diocese of Delaware, and officiating as Rector of St. Paul's church, Chester, St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, and St. John's, Concord, Delaware county.

These churches are very much in the same state in which my predecessor left them. They afford some few tokens of improvement and encouragement. My connexion with the Self-Supporting school, has prevented my giving them the attention which I could have wished, and which they demand. There has been in

St. Paul's church.

Baptisms, 3 children. Marriage, 1. Burial, 1.

As has been for years past, there is not a single communicant.

St. Martin's church.

Baptisms, 8 children—4 adults. Marriages, 5. Burials, 3. Communicants are 28.

St. John's church.

Baptisms, 2 children. Burials, 2. Communicants, 15.

There is a very flourishing Sunday school attached to St. Martin's church. It has an extensive and valuable library. The teachers pursue their duties with very considerable zeal and faithfulness, and the effects produced on the children have in some cases been very happy.

Report of the Rev. F. H. Cumming, late Minister of Christ church, Reading, Berks county.

It affords the late minister of this church much pleasure to be able to state, that the parish has evidently much improved during the past year. The number of Sunday scholars, during the summer and part of the autumn, was nearly two hundred, in two schools, with twenty-five teachers. The branch school, however, in the upper part of the town, was discontinued after the days became too short to admit of its being kept up. This school was conducted by the teachers of the other school, at 4 o'clock, P. M., with very perceptible benefit to the scholars. The other school, held in the basement story of the church, was not intermitted during any season of the year—the improvement which the scholars made was very great. The teachers were untiring in their efforts to promote their interests. The Ladies' Sewing Society has continued its usual benevolent exertions, and with good success, having raised and expended upon their church, the past year, upwards of three hundred dollars. The bible class, conducted every Tuesday evening by the minister, has been, it is believed, the means of much spiritual good to the congregation.

There have been baptized *four* adults and *six* children—total *ten*. These baptisms, with one exception, that of a sick child, were performed, *in the church*, after the second lesson, *as the rubric directs*. The funerals were *four*. New communicants, *eleven*. The attendance at church, especially the last two months of the late minister's officiating, was very good; marked by an interested and solemn attention. May the great head of the church soon raise up for this kind, affectionate, and spirited flock, a pastor after his own heart—and may they all, at the last day, be found to belong to the general assembly and church of the first born.

Report of the Rev. James De Pui, late Rector of St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg, Christ church, Danville, and St. Gabriel's church, Sugarloaf township, Columbia county, now Rector of St. Luke's church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county.

St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg.

There have been during the last year 22 baptisms, adults 3 male and 2 female—infants 7 male and 10 female; 2 funerals, adults, male; 4 marriages. There are about 40 communicants.

Christ church, Danville.

During the past year there have been 7 baptisms, infants, male; 3 marriages. The number of communicants, 3.

St. Gabriel's church, Sugarloaf.

During the past year there have been 6 baptisms, infants, 4 male and 2 female; 15 funerals.

St. Luke's church, Pottsville.

I commenced my official duties at this place on the 1st of January, since which time there have been 9 baptisms, infants, 6 male and 3 female; 4 funerals, 3 adults, males, and 1 infant, female; 4 marriages; there are 8 communicants. The Sunday school numbers 50 scholars.

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Report of the Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, Rector of Christ Church, Brownsville, Fayette county, and Missionary in the Service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

Christ church, Brownsville.

Nothing of a very special or interesting character, has taken place in this parish since my last report.

During the last year, there have been baptisms, adults 2, infants 5, total 7; marriages 1, funerals 3, communicants added 3, two of whom have been removed by death; present number, about 20. The rector of this parish has officiated here, without exception, every other Sunday; besides on some of the fasts and festivals of the church, he has also held weekly lectures on Thursday evenings; which, he thinks, have been productive of good. He has, moreover, organized a bible class, consisting chiefly of Sunday school teachers, which he meets weekly on Wednesday evenings. The Sunday

school still continues to flourish; it numbers, at present, twenty teachers, and above a hundred scholars; besides an efficient superintendent and librarian. The attendance upon divine service, has been evidently improving since the last report; and the good feeling, and close attention, exhibited on the part of the people, while sitting under the preaching of the word, is hailed by its minister as an evidence of a hopeful increase of piety. Upon the whole, the rector has reason to thank God, that by his blessings on the ministrations and ordinances of his church, the spiritual concerns and prospects of the congregations of which he has charge, have evidently improved; and are now such as to afford ground of hope that, in due time, there will be seen more abundant fruits to his honour and glory.

Trinity Church, Connellsville.

The prospects of this church are gradually brightening, and are now such as to cause us to "take courage."

A brick building, 35 feet wide by 45 long, is now going up, and is expected to be completed by the first of November. As yet, sufficient funds have not been raised for the completion of this building; but we trust there will be, before the lapse of many months. We ground this expectation upon the fact, that several families, who, through disaffection, had left the church, have now returned to her bosom. There have been baptisms 1, funerals 4, marriages none; communicants, added 2, and one removed by death; present number, 10.

St. Paul's Church, at Pike Run, Washington County.

This church has been considerably repaired, by the zealous efforts of a few of its members and friends.

The prospect of its improvement would become much more flattering, could its rector bestow upon it one-fourth of his time, which he cannot do, as long as he has the charge of so many parishes.

The communicants attached to this church, are about twelve. The sacrament of the Lord's supper has been administered once since the present rector has taken charge of this congregation.

Grace Church, Manalen township, Fayette county.

This church exists only nominally; there being no communicant attached to it, nor scarcely one person interested for its welfare.

Its principal supporter being dead, the prospect of its im-

provement is very dark, and its missionary thinks it highly expedient to give it up, and turn his whole attention to the other three parishes that are depending upon him for clerical services.

With respect to their improvement, the writer of this has no doubt; yea, he knows that things relating to them are very cheering and auspicious.

Could there be another missionary employed here in Fayette county, I have no doubt but a church might be established in the above mentioned place, and in two or three places elsewhere. But, till this be the case, the present missionary believes he had better employ his time in such a way, as to cause three parishes to flourish, than to leave all to languish for the lack of more of his personal care and attention.

In St. Paul's Church, there have been no baptisms or funerals; but one marriage has been solemnized.

The convention fund due from Christ Church, has been collected and paid over to the treasurer.

Report of the Rev. Bennett Glover, Missionary at Erie and Waterford, Erie county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

Baptisms since the last Convention have been 7 children. Marriages 3. Burials 2. Number of communicants 15, in the congregation at Erie.

The church edifice was completed during the last winter, and nearly all of the seats sold so soon as they were exposed to sale. The vestry will be entirely free of any debts incurred by the erection of the building, when the amount arising from these sales shall be realized.

The Sunday school, although numbering on its list 150 scholars, yet does not have more than about 70 regular pupils.

The congregation in Waterford, though flourishing, does not improve so much as it would by more frequent services than I am able to perform, my regular time there being only once in a month.

They are, however, going on well with their building, and will soon have it enclosed.

Report of the Rev. G. E. Hare, Rector of St. John's church, Carlisle.

Baptisms—adults 1, infants 6—total 7; marriages 5; fune-

ral 7. The number of communicants is now 56—since the last report, added 5, removed 5, died 1. There are several, professedly repentant, waiting for an opportunity to receive the sacred supper, which (as the Rector is not a Presbyter,) cannot be celebrated at stated periods.

The state of religion in the congregation seems gradually improving. The attendance upon divine worship is good, and the number of pewholders somewhat increased.

During the year, besides the exercises of the Lord's day, there has been divine service and a familiar lecture every Wednesday evening.

A collection of eighteen dollars and seventy-five cents has been made for the Episcopal fund.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Hilton, Missionary at Butler and Harrisville, Butler county, Kittaning, Armstrong county, and Venango Furnace, Venango county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

St. Peter's church, Butler.

During the past year, I have officiated, as usual, here, every third Sunday; and also on some of the other fasts and festivals of the church. As the greater part of the congregation live at considerable distances from the village, it has, hitherto, been deemed inexpedient to attempt the establishing a Sunday school in this place. Every family belonging to the church has been visited, some of them several times; and, in this way, I have endeavoured to supply, in some measure, our want of a Sunday school, by teaching the children "from house to house." I have also frequently performed divine service at different places in the county; and I have reason for gratitude to the giver of all good, that my labours have not been altogether in vain. The building of our church has been commenced, and I expect will be finished in the fall.

Baptisms, adults 1—infants 22. Marriages 4—funerals 2. Communicants added 10—died 1—whole number 34.

St. Paul's church, Kittaning.

Here I have also laboured regularly every third Sunday. The same reason, as mentioned above, has hitherto prevented the establishment of a Sunday school here, and the same mode of instruction has been pursued. It is in contemplation, how-

ever, to establish, in a short time, an Episcopal Sunday school here. The church in this place, is now finished and ready for consecration.

Baptisms, adults 1—infants 16. Marriages 2. Communicants, added 9—whole number 21.

St. James's church, Venango Furnace.

Since I took charge of this parish, I have visited it regularly once in six weeks, until the first of April, when I resigned my charge of it altogether. Here there was no prospect of establishing permanently the church; its existence depended entirely upon the exertions of a single individual, who expects in a short time to leave the place. Under these circumstances, I deemed it my duty to resign my charge at this place; and to devote, instead of the one-sixth, as heretofore, the one-third of my time, to my congregation near Harrisville, which for some time has been loudly calling for a larger portion of my labours, and where there is a prospect of permanently establishing the church. I have never administered the communion at St. James's, Venango Furnace, but in the congregation near Harrisville, Butler county, it has been administered twice; and all the families belonging to it have been visited several times.

Baptisms, at both places, infants 9—communicants 29.



Report of the Rev. J. W. James, Rector of Christ church, Meadville, and missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

Of the seventy communicants reported last year, nine have removed, leaving of the old members sixty-one; the addition to these, however, since last May, being *eighteen*, the present number of communicants is *seventy-nine*. There have been *twenty-three* baptisms, of which *seven* were adults. In the Sunday school there are thirty-six boys and forty-four girls, in all *seventy*, who are, with few exceptions, regular attendants, and such only we keep on our lists. They are under the instruction of five male teachers, and ten female; to these may be added a superintendent and a secretary, and two or three other persons who occasionally assist in teaching as their services may be wanting. There is a library for the use of the school of eighty bound volumes; there is also the beginning of a library for the use of the parish, for the regular forming of which steps are expected soon to be taken—

and if it be not improper to say here—we shall be much assisted by donations of any books suited to the purpose, from all who are anxious for the spread of information on our western borders—especially religious information, and that respecting the church. The parish society sends, this year, eighteen dollars from its annual subscribers to the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania. A collection was not asked in the church for that society, nor for the Episcopal fund, because the members of the congregation, hardly yet relieved from the exertion made in erecting a building, have this year enlarged and beautified it—a measure called for by every consideration. The means, therefore, of the parish, which is still young, it was necessary as much as possible to concentrate, with the exception of the above subscription, and a much larger amount which is necessary to the support of the Sunday school. The improvements to the church will cost more than a thousand dollars. It should be mentioned that this expense is borne by an association of five or six gentlemen, who receive a certain number of pews in return, not sufficient, however, it is supposed, to remunerate them. Most of the new pews we have a prospect of seeing soon occupied.

I have not visited Mercer, as the attempt to do any thing there would be useless. Not quite so discouraging are appearances in Franklin; on my last visit there, I discovered an improved disposition towards the church. A congregation was reported at last Convention, to have been organized in Rockville; but measures were not then taken early enough for its admission. The annual election of vestry was lately held and an increased interest manifested. I have administered the communion once in the neighbourhood at the house of a sick member, when several others attended. The communicants belonging to this congregation, are included in the report for Meadville. I have visited two places, one called Guy's, the other Sugar Creek, where regular services are requested. I have also visited twice another station in the county, to which no peculiar name has been appropriated, where our services were well received although by entire strangers to them, and a desire expressed that they should be repeated. Among other services not necessary to record, I have assisted the Rev. Mr. Glover of Erie, in administering the communion twice—these occasions being the first in that place. Besides my usual Sunday services in Meadville, I deliver an expository lecture every Tuesday evening, and hold a meeting of Sunday school teachers once a month. The most prominent festivals and

fasts are observed with their appropriate services and sermons.

Report of the Rev. George Kirke, Rector of St. John's church, New London, and Missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rector of St. John's Church, New London, has, in general, been engaged as heretofore. He, has, however, officiated a number of times at St. John the Baptist's Church, York, and occasionally at other distant places.

One child has been baptized near Doe Run Factories. In the parish of St. John's, New London, 1 marriage has been solemnized, and 1 adult and 10 children have been baptized. 1 communicant has withdrawn, and 6 have been added, making the present number about 30. Collections have been made for the episcopal fund, and the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Marks, missionary, Rector of St. Mark's church, New Milford; St. Jude's church, Springfield; St. Matthew's church, Pike; St. Paul's church, Montrose, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

St. Mark's church, New Milford.

Since my last report 6 have been added to the church—communicants 24—baptisms 2 adults—marriages 1—confirmed by the Bishop 6. This church is in a flourishing condition.

St. Paul's church, Montrose.

Communicants 5—baptisms 1 adult—funerals 1—confirmed by the Bishop 7. The carpenters will have an edifice ready for consecration in December next. The friends of the Church in this place feel themselves laid under many obligations to their Philadelphia episcopal brethren for their contributions to their minister, for the erection of their church. Three hundred dollars were obtained. Notwithstanding our expectations have been more than realized, we have discouragements. Our motto, however, is, "Faint, yet pursuing."

St. Jude's church, Springville.

I feel happy in being able to say that my expectations are raised in relation to the affairs of the Church in this place. A number of enterprising and spirited gentlemen went into

the woods last winter, with their axes on their shoulders, determined, in the strength of God, to have a church. The logs for boards are at the saw mill, and I am permitted to say, that when our Assistant Bishop visits Montrose to consecrate St. Paul's, Springville will be ready also. Marriages 1—confirmed by the Bishop 3—congregation large and attentive.

St. Matthew's, Pike, Bradford County.

This church has had more of my services during the last than the preceding year. Communicants 18—funerals 4—confirmed by the Bishop 1—vestry very anxious for a minister.

At *Friendsville* there are several episcopal families. The organization of a church is contemplated. Here I have preached—baptized 1 adult and two children, and attended 1 funeral—confirmed by the Bishop 5.

In addition to my regular parish duties, I have visited Honesdale—preached once, and married two couple. It gives me great pleasure to learn, that at this place there is now an episcopal clergyman. With God's blessing on his, brother Tyng's, exertions, I see nothing to prevent the growth of the Church in that region of country. Thank God, I have now another clergyman within 40 miles on the east, and another within the same distance on the south. I have left no honourable and lawful means untried to make known the scriptural doctrines and apostolical usages of our Zion.

Report of the Rev. James May, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County.

Baptisms within the last year, 1 infant, 1 adult; communicants 1 added, 2 removed from the parish; present number, 35. Burials 3, marriages 3; collection for the Episcopal fund \$6 05½. Sunday school is composed of 70 scholars and 10 teachers. Infant Sunday school, of 30 scholars. Besides the two regular services every Sunday in the parish church, morning and evening, the rector preaches in two school houses, at a short distance from town, alternately, every Sunday afternoon; and at a third school house, on Thursday evening, where he has found a favourable disposition to hear the gospel.

Report of the Rev. William Cooper Mead, D. D. Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, 6 adults and 51 infants—total 57. Marriages 12. Burials, in the ground of Trinity church, adults 6, chil-

dren 8—total 14. Communicants, added 13, died 3, removed 5—total 157.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Department for males,	11	teachers,	125	pupils.
Do. No. 1, for females,	21	do.	135	do.
Do. 2, do.	10	do.	105	do.
Do. 3, infants,	4	do.	50	do.
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The bible class department, 1 male and 2 female classes, under the instruction of the Rector, embraced 120 attendants.

The children of the congregation have, to the number of 65, attended the recitations and lectures on the Church Catechism, which are annually held on the Saturday afternoons of lent, in the lecture room, and continued until they have completed a course on the catechism.

The Female Missionary Association has, during the past year, pursued its benevolent object with unwearied assiduity; the result of which has been the increase of its funds to more than twice the sum of any previous year, since its formation.

The Rector cannot withhold a just tribute of commendation to the constancy, attention and improvement of the members of his several bible classes. During the past season, their attention has been directed to the study of the gospel, according to St. Matthew; and a large proportion of the classes have scarcely missed a single lesson since it was commenced.

The managers and teachers of the several Sunday schools, connected with Trinity church, have continued their exertions with unabated zeal. Through the efforts of a circle of industry, formed of the members of the Female Sunday School Society, and aided by the ladies of the congregation, and others friendly to the cause of christian education, \$700 have been raised towards erecting, in the lower part of the district, a commodious building, for the accommodation of a Sunday and infant school. When this shall have been completed, it will enable these devoted servants of the church, to greatly extend their institution, and gather in many children, who are now excluded on account of their limited accommodations. The building is to be completed in the fall.

During the year, a considerable sum has been raised by voluntary subscriptions in the congregation, to improve the church edifice.

The collections for the Episcopal fund, and for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, have

been made; which, together with a collection in aid of the General Theological Seminary, and the sum contributed to improve the church, and all other monies raised in and by the congregation for missionary, education, and other benevolent purposes, make a sum total of \$1500.

Report of the Rev. George Mintzer, Rector of St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin, Berks county, and missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

During the past year a greater degree of interest has been manifested among the respective congregations of my charge than at any former period; a more general attention has been paid to the ordinances of religion, and the house of God has often been filled to overflowing. Besides the regular service on the Lord's day, there is a weekly lecture on Wednesday evenings, which has been well attended.

The Sunday school connected with this church is in a flourishing condition, and is an object of increased interest and exertion. It is composed of 85 scholars and 4 teachers.

Since the last Convention, 12 have been added to the communion, 2 removed by death, total 45 communicants. The rite of confirmation has been administered to 28. Baptisms, adults 9—infants 22—total 31. Marriages 15—funerals 21.

Report of the Rev. James Montgomery, D. D. Rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

Since the last annual Convention, there have been in this church—baptisms, adults 2, infants 42—total 44. Marriages 22. Communicants, added 25, removed 2—present number 126. Confirmations 7. Interments in the cemeteries of the church 14.

The following collections have been made.

For the American Colonization Society,	\$31 55
For the Society of the Protestant Episcopal church for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania,	136 00
For the Sunday schools,	83 94
For the Episcopal fund,	101 64

Making a total for the year, of \$353 13

Besides the above, there have been paid to "the Domestic

and Foreign Missionary of the Protestant Episcopal church," by the Female Missionary Association of this church, its *third* annual contribution, amounting to \$300—of which \$214 are the proceeds of an exhibition and sale of articles by the ladies of the association. Making the whole amount of contributions for religious and charitable objects during the year past, \$653 13.

The catechetical exercises were resumed on the Sunday before lent, and are now in progress.

The Sunday school department has not been so flourishing as in former years, owing in a considerable measure to the loss of the services of several very valuable teachers, but chiefly to the continued and growing experience of the inconvenience and disadvantage we labour under in this respect, from the want of suitable accommodations for the conducting of the schools,—being under the necessity of holding them in the church edifice. The rector hopes that this difficulty will be removed during the present year, and that he will have the gratification to notice in his next report, the consequent increase and prosperity of his schools.

There has been divine service and sermons on all the occasions noticed in last year's report, the attendance upon which has been gradually improving, especially on the services of the Lord's day, when our congregations have been generally large.

While the rector deeply regrets that so few comparatively of his congregation have manifested an interest in the missionary cause, he feels grateful that it has been sustained and advanced by some, whose interest and exertions in its behalf afford unequivocal proof, that they appreciate the value of the gospel to their own souls, and feel the constraining influence of the love of that Saviour who came to seek and to save those who were lost, and whose imperative will it is, that his gospel should be as diffusive as the miseries and sins, for which it is the only remedy.

Upon the whole, there is cause of gratitude to God for his blessing upon the ordinances and ministrations of his church, by fidelity to which, and to the word, of which the church is the depositary and guardian, we may efficiently and surely advance the great end of *both*—the making of Christians a *holy and peculiar people, zealous of good works.*

Report of the Rev. Richard U. Morgan, Rector of St. Paul's church, Westwhiteland; St. John's, Pequea, Chester county; and Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

St. Paul's, Westwhiteland.

Baptisms, 5 adults, 5 infants—total 10. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. Communicants added 4. The number who partake of the sacrament in this church is about 20, though only seven actually belong. The others, principally, are connected with St. Peter's, Great Valley.

The stated period of service in St. Paul's church, is every fourth Lord's day, morning and afternoon, during one half the year, and morning and evening the other half.

The Sunday school, after being suspended during the winter, was opened the 2d Sunday of April. It numbers 8 teachers and 25 scholars, regular in attendance. There is enrolled 40 children.

St. John's, Pequea.

This church is composed of about 45 families. Baptisms, 1 adult, 6 infants—total 7. Marriages 1. Burials 5. Communicants, added 5—deceased 2—present number 29.

The services in this church are on the morning of every alternate Lord's day.

Christ church, Leacock.

This church consists of about 40 families. Baptisms, 3 adults, 5 infants—total 8. Marriages 2. Burials 3. Communicants added 6—deceased 2—present number 23.

There is morning service in this church, on every fourth Sunday during the year. There is also afternoon service on alternate Sundays, from the 1st of April to the 1st of October. The remaining part of the year, there is afternoon service on the Sunday next after that of the morning service.

The Sunday school which was closed in November last, was recommenced the 5th Sunday of April. There are on the roll the names of 50 children and 8 teachers. About 30 scholars are regular attendants.

In the two last named churches, collections have been taken up in aid of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

In conclusion, the rector would state that the prospects of the churches under his pastoral care, are quite encouraging.

Report of the Rev. John Reynolds, Rector of St. John's church, Norristown; St. James's, Perkiomen, and Christ church, Pottstown, Montgomery county.

Having entered upon the duties of this charge at the commencement of the present year, there is little to state; no important change from last year's report having taken place. The congregations of St. John's and St. James's, are large and flourishing. A new church has been commenced at Pottstown, which, it is hoped, aided by the assistance of liberal episcopalians, will be prepared for consecration in a few weeks. Collections for the bishop's fund were made in the two former congregations, amounting to more than \$13.

Report of the Rev. Greenbury W. Ridgely, Rector of St. James the Greater's church, Bristol, Bucks county.

The rector of St. James church, Bristol, reports that he has been nearly 18 months in charge of that parish. He thinks that during that period there has been a gradual increase of interest in every thing that connects itself with religion, amongst the people to whom he has been called to officiate. In consequence of being the only settled clergyman of any denomination within 10 miles of his residence, except one or two in the diocese of New Jersey, he has been accustomed to officiate on the *afternoons* or *evenings* of the Lord's day in the country around. The limits of the parish have, in this way, been enlarged during the past year by the formation of a new congregation, and the building of a chapel at Hulmeville, a thriving manufacturing village, about 5 miles from Bristol. There is reason to hope, that one or two others at about the same distance, will shortly be formed. The church edifice at Bristol being in a somewhat dilapidated state, funds enough to build a new one have been subscribed; and almost entirely by the congregation themselves. Six Sunday schools have been formed, having on their rolls between five and six hundred children. They might be greatly increased if teachers could be found. There are fifty communicants in connexion with St. James church; about one-fifth of the whole number have been added during the past year. Eight funerals have occurred during the year. Baptisms not reported.

Report of the Rev. John Rodney, Jr. Rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

Number of baptisms 4, (1 adult,)—marriages 6, burials 7, communicants 24, confirmed 7, average number of Sunday scholars 50, teachers 8; collections, Bishop's fund, \$5 00; Sunday schools \$33 00, Ladies' Association of St. Luke's, for the promotion of religion, have produced about \$90 00.

The congregation of St. Luke's, with numbers diminished by removals, has evinced its usual zeal and liberality, in supporting the services of religion, and the institutions of the church.

Report of Rev. Sam'l. W. Selden, missionary, officiating in Georgetown and St. Paul's, Beaver county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

I took charge of St. Paul's church, and the church in Georgetown, in September, 1831; since which time, I have officiated regularly in those places. One-third of my time has been devoted to Georgetown, one-third to St. Paul's, and the other third to a school house, not far distant from Georgetown. I have spent three Sundays in Beaver, and its neighbourhood. I have officiated once, about 12 miles south of Georgetown, where a few years ago the communion was administered to about seventy persons. There are persons who profess themselves attached to the church, scattered throughout this neighbourhood. But they have been so much neglected, that although they hold the name, they have little knowledge of the principles of churchmen. In Beaver, I do not entirely despair of establishing a congregation; yet, doubtless, it will be with considerable exertion.

The communion was administered in Georgetown, in October last, by brother Hilton, and (God willing) will be administered in St. Paul's, the last Sunday in this month, by Rev. Dr. Upfold.

Georgetown.—Baptisms, one male adult, and one female infant. Communicants are about 30 in number. One marriage has been performed, and one funeral attended.

St. Paul's.—Baptisms, two male and one female adults, four male infants, and four female infants—in all, 11. Communicants, about 30, four of whom have become such since my coming here. Arrangements are making to complete St. Paul's church, which will be done this summer.

I might have mentioned, that in Georgetown, I have a bible class of 13; and, also, that a Sunday school has been commenced, which will probably number 50 or 60 scholars. Most

of the families belonging to each congregation, have been visited.

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Report of the Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity church, Oxford, and All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia.

Trinity church.

Baptisms, adults 2, children 5; confirmed 3; communicants, registered, 22; burials 31.

All Saints' church.

Baptisms, adults 1, children 11, confirmed 3, communicants, registered 39, deceased 1, removed 1, marriages 12.

Collections have been made for the Episcopal fund; the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania; for the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union; and for the Parish Library.

Emanuel Chapel, belonging to All Saints' church, erected in Holmesburgh, has a Sunday school connected with it, consisting of 100 scholars, conducted by 11 female teachers.

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Report of the Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, Rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

The present report embraces the period of time between Easter 1831, and Easter 1832, including the latter. During this year, there has been manifested, in the congregation under my charge, an unusual degree of attention to religion. Without visible external excitement, the public assemblies for worship in the church, and the private and social meetings for prayer, have been remarkably large and attentive. And I have reason to hope, that many souls have been persuaded by the Holy Spirit, to unite themselves unto the Lord in an everlasting covenant, never to be forgotten. During the latter part of the year, the additions to the visible communion of the church, have been fewer than they were in the former part; but there appears to be still, great and general seriousness among those who have not yet become communicants with us in the Lord's Supper, which I cannot but hope will result in leading many who have been too long undecided in the great matter of their soul's salvation, to deny themselves, and take up the cross, and follow Christ.

In arranging in order the results of the past year, I would report, that there have been—

Baptisms, adults 29, infants 25; marriages 15; funerals 33; confirmations 103; communicants, the whole present number,

as far as they are personally known to me, are 346. Of these, 121 have been added within the last year; and in addition to this number, five have been removed by death, and eight have been dismissed.

While the past year has been one of religious prosperity and of unusual blessing to the congregation, it has been marked also, by more than common exertions on their part, for the good of others. The "Association of St. Paul's church, for the Promotion of Religion," have collected and distributed for the great objects of the gospel, about eleven hundred dollars. This association unites a good part of the congregation, and is the only society for religious benevolence, connected with the church. From its treasury, all the calls of this kind are designed to be supplied. But in addition to the sum thus collected, about \$400 have been given by the congregation to other objects, making \$1,500, distributed by them as a congregation, besides that which individuals have given privately, of their own judgment and will. I cannot but remark, that I consider the two facts thus stated, to be intimately connected, according to the scriptural assurance, "he that watereth others, shall be watered also himself."

The regular services of the church remain the same as reported last year. The Sunday schools are large and flourishing, embracing about 600 scholars of different ages and sex.

The Lord be praised by us for all his past goodness, and be graciously pleased to prosper all our exertions for the good of his church, and the glory of his name.

Report of the Rev. George Upfold, D. D. Rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Dr. Upfold entered on the rectorship of this parish on the first Sunday in October last; the Rev. John H. Hopkins having resigned the cure some weeks previous.

Since the last Convention of the diocese, there have been baptisms, adults 2, infants 62—total 64; marriages 10; funerals 16; communicants, removed and died 10; added 25; present number, including those who worship at Christ church, in Allegheny town, about 250; Sunday scholars, upwards of 100.

Report of the Right Rev. William White, D. D. Rector of Christ church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

Baptisms 82, burials 97. Marriages 45. Communicants, about 325.

In these three churches there are divine service and sermon twice on Sundays and on Good Friday, and once on Christmas day, on the Festival of the Circumcision (when these two festivals do not happen on Sundays, as in the present year,) and on the autumnal day of Thanksgiving. Also, divine service on the Wednesdays and Fridays of every week; on every day in Passion week, and on various week day festivals of the church.

In the two weeks before Passion week, there are lectures on the catechism, by one of the assistant ministers, so far as to the sacraments. In Passion week, the rector lectures on the sacraments, on the ministry, and on the service of the church; and in Easter week, there are delivered by him four lectures on the doctrines of grace. Young persons are heard in the recitation of the Catechism from the second Sunday before Easter until Whitsunday.

There is a Bible class in St. Peter's church and in St. James's.

In each of the three churches there is a male and a female Sunday school.

Christ church hospital being under the same parochial care, there is stated service therein on designated week days.

There have been collections in these three churches, exclusively of other objects, for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, for the Episcopal fund, and for the Sunday school society, jointly with the parochial Sunday schools.

On motion of the *Secretary*, Drs. *Montgomery*, *Mead*, and *De Lancey*, were appointed a committee to prepare and submit the form of a parochial report, to be hereafter used by the members of this Convention.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock on Thursday morning.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. JAMES'S CHURCH,
Thursday, May 17th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Prayers were read by the Rev. *George E. Hare*, rector of St. John's church, Carlisle.

The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday afternoon were read and approved.

Mr. *Wallace*, from the committee on the appropriation of a portion of the Convention fund in aid of the travelling ex-

penses of the clergy in attending the Convention, made the following report.

"The committee to whom was referred the resolution of the Rev. *Dr. Mead*, on the subject of appropriating a portion of the Convention fund towards defraying the expenses of the clergy in attending the Convention of this diocese, offer the following resolution.

J. B. WALLACE, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That not exceeding *seventy-five* per cent. of the monies annually collected under the revised regulations, be appropriated, this and each succeeding year, under the direction of a committee appointed for the purpose, towards paying the expenses of the clergy in attending the annual Convention."

The *Secretary* moved that the resolution appended to this report be adopted.

Whereupon Mr. *Meredith* moved the following addition to the resolution.

That applications for a part of the said fund shall be made on or before the last day of the session of every Convention, and that the distribution among the applicants shall be regulated upon the principle of mileage.

Which addition was adopted.

The question was then put on the resolution as amended, which was carried.

Mr. *Wallace* moved the appointment of a committee of four to carry into effect the above resolution for the present Convention. Whereupon Messrs. *Nicklin*, *De Lancey*, *Boyd*, and *Lardner*, were appointed.

The Rev. Dr. *De Lancey*, from the committee to examine charters, made the following report.

"The committee to whom was referred the charters of congregations applying for admission into union with the Protestant Episcopal church in this diocese, beg leave respectfully to report,

That the charters of *St. Paul's church*, *Montrose*, *Susquehanna* county, and of *Christ Church*, *Allegheny*, *Allegheny* county, and the articles of association of *Trinity Church*, *Rockville*, *Crawford* county, have been submitted to them. It appears therein that the said churches or congregations accede to the constitution, canons, doctrines, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States, and to the constitution and canons of this diocese. It further appears that the said act of association and charters have

been submitted to the bishop and standing committee of this diocese, and by them respectively approved.

The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That *St. Paul's Church, Montrose*, Susquehanna county, *Christ Church, Allegheny*, Allegheny county, and *Trinity Church, Rockville*, Crawford county, be admitted into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM H. DE LANCEY,
Chairman of the Committee."

May 17, 1832.

Whereupon, on motion of the *Secretary*, the above resolution was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. *Montgomery*, from the committee appointed to prepare the form of a parochial report, offered a form and the following resolution in relation thereto.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to have the proposed form printed on the circular he is required by the II. regulation to send to the clergy and vestries, one month before the annual Convention, with a request that it be filled up, and handed or sent to the bishop, to be read at the annual Convention next ensuing.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. *Shaler*, the above resolution was adopted.

Mr. *Shaler* offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the *sixth* of the revised regulations be amended by striking out of *section first, line first*, the words "enjoined as the duty of," and substituting for them the words "recommended to," and also by striking out the *fourth section*.

Whereupon, the Rt. Rev. Bishop *Onderdonk* moved the indefinite postponement of said resolution.

The question being taken by orders, and the yeas and nays called, it was decided as follows.

CLERGY.

Yeas.—The Rt. Rev. Bishops White and Onderdonk, Rev. Messrs. De Lancey, Sheets, Brincklé, Bowman, May, Kirke, Freeman, James, and Morton—11.

Nays.—The Rev. Messrs. Abercrombie, Montgomery, Mead, Bull, Rodney, Morgan, Bryant, Hare, Ridgely—9.

LAITY BY CHURCHES.

Yeas.—*St. Peter's*, Great Valley, Chester county, *St. John's*, Carlisle, *St. David's*, Radnor, Delaware county, *St. James's*,

Perkiomen, *Christ Church*, Pottstown, *Christ Church*, Philadelphia, *St. Peter's*, Philadelphia, *St. James's*, Philadelphia, *St. Paul's*, Philadelphia, *St. Andrew's*, Philadelphia, *Trinity Church*, Oxford, *St. Luke's*, Germantown, *Grace Church*, Penn township—13.

Nays.—*Trinity Church*, Pittsburgh, *St. Mary's*, East Nantmeal, *Christ Church*, Meadville, *St. Stephen's*, Harrisburgh, *St. Martin's*, Marcus Hook, *St. John's*, Norristown, *St. Stephen's*, Philadelphia, *Trinity Church*, Southwark, Philadelphia county, *All Saints*, Dower Lublin—9.

So the question was decided in the affirmative.

The Rev. Mr. *Ridgely* moved that the subject of the revision of the sixth of the revised regulations, be referred to a committee of four, to report at the next Convention, which was carried; and Messrs. *Binney*, *Ridgely*, *De Lancey*, and *Meredith*, were appointed said committee.

On motion, the Convention then proceeded to the elections, which resulted as follows.

The following persons were elected the

Standing Committee.

CLERGY.

LAITY.

Rev. Dr. Abercrombie.	Charles Wheeler.
Dr. Montgomery.	James S. Smith.
Dr. De Lancey.	Horace Binney.
Dr. Mead.	John C. Lowber.
Mr. Sheets.	Tobias Wagner.

The following persons were elected the

Deputies to the General Convention.

CLERGY.

LAITY.

Rev. Dr. Montgomery.	William Meredith.
Dr. De Lancey.	Horace Binney.
Dr. Mead.	Edward J. Stiles.
Mr. Bowman.	Hon. David Scott.

The following persons were elected the

Committee on Supply of Vacant Congregations.

CLERGY.

LAITY.

Rev. Dr. De Lancey.	Mr. Hazlehurst.
Dr. Mead.	Harding.
Mr. Boyd.	Ashhurst.

Mr. Tobias Wagner was elected *Treasurer of the Convention.*

Mr. James S. Smith was re-elected Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

The following persons were nominated as

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

CLERGY.

Rev. Dr. Montgomery.
Dr. De Lancey.
Dr. Mead.
Dr. Upfold.
Mr. Rodney.
Mr. James.

LAITY.

Hon. David Scott.
John Read, Esq.
William Meredith, Esq.
Daniel St. Clair, Esq.
Hon. John Reed.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee of five persons be appointed in accordance with canon XVII. "to draught, with the advice and approbation of the bishop, a report of the state of the church in this diocese, to be presented to the General Convention."

Whereupon, the Rev. Dr. *Mead*, the Rev. Messrs. *Boyd* and *Rodney*, and Messrs. *James S. Smith*, and *William Kirkham*, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

Mr. *Binney* offered the following resolution, which was carried.

Resolved, That in the distribution of seventy-five per cent. of the annual Convention fund, among the clergy, agreeably to the resolution passed this day, the committee be authorized to take, by way of anticipation, from the general fund of the Convention, a sum which, with the fund in hand, derived from the payments of the current year, shall be equal in the whole to \$300; which fund the treasurer is authorized to pay out of any moneys in his hands, to be returned out of the payments on account of the accruing year, as they shall subsequently come in. *Provided*, that in no instance shall any clergyman receive more than at the rate of ten cents a mile, going and returning.

Mr. *Meredith* offered the following resolution, which was carried.

Resolved, That in furtherance of the purpose of the IV. resolution of the Convention, passed in May, 1825, recommending to the vestries of churches throughout the state to consider the expediency of making provision for securing to the families of their respective ministers the benefit of the fund in the hands of the Corporation for the Relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen in the Communion of the Protestant Episcopal church in this commonwealth, by paying

in their behalf the annual contribution, required by the constitution of that society, the standing committee be directed to confer with that corporation, and ascertain, in case it should consent to the measure, upon what terms and conditions it will be granted, and report the same to the next Convention.

On motion, it was *Ordered*, That seven hundred and fifty copies of the Journal, and one thousand copies of the Charge be printed under the direction of the Secretary.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of the Convention be held in St. James's church, Philadelphia, on the third Tuesday in May, 1833, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention then united in singing the last four verses of the 122nd Psalm; when, after the benediction from the Right Rev. President, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

WILLIAM COOPER MEAD, *Secretary*.

List of the Clergy of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

May 17th, 1832.

THE Right Rev. *William White*, D. D. Senior Bishop of the American Protestant Episcopal church, presiding in the house of bishops, bishop of the diocese, and rector of Christ church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Right Rev. *Henry U. Onderdonk*, D. D. assistant bishop of the diocese of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *James Abercrombie*, D. D. senior assistant minister of Christ church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Charles H. Alden*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Thomas G. Allen*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Robert Ayres*, residing in Franklin, Venango county.

The Rev. *Gregory T. Bedell*, D. D. rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Samuel Bowman*, rector of St. James's church, Lancaster, Lancaster county.

The Rev. *George Boyd*, rector of St. John's church, N. L. Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Samuel C. Brincklé*, rector of St. David's (Radnor) church, Newtown, Delaware county, and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

The Rev. *William Bryant*, residing in Philadelphia, teaching a school, and officiating as domestic missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Levi Bull*, rector of St. Mary's church, East Nantmeal, Chester county, Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county, and St. Thomas's church, Morgantown, Berks county.

The Rev. *William Chaderton*, assistant minister of St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Corry Chambers*, minister of St. Mark's church, Lewistown, Mifflin county.

The Rev. *Jehu C. Clay*, rector of the Swedish churches, near Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Joab G. Cooper*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Christian F. Crusè*, assistant Professor in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Robert Davis*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *William H. De Lancey*, D. D. provost of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *James De Pui*, rector of St. Luke's church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county.

The Rev. *Jacob M. Douglass*, officiating in St. Thomas's (African) church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Charles M. Dupuy*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Lyman N. Freeman*, rector of Christ church, Brownsville, and missionary at Connelsville and Manalan, Fayette county, and at Pike Run, Washington county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Raymond A. Henderson*, assistant minister of the Swedish churches, and missionary in the vicinity of Philadelphia.

The Rev. *William Hilton*, missionary at Butler and Harrisville, Butler county, at Kittanning, Armstrong county, and at Venango Furnace, Venango county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Joseph Hutchins*, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Benjamin Hutchins*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *John W. James*, Rector of Christ church, Meadville, Crawford county, and missionary at Franklin, Venango county, Mercer, Mercer county, and Rockville, Crawford county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Joseph Jaquett*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *George Kirke*, rector of St. John's church, New London Cross Roads, Chester county, and missionary in Chester county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Samuel Marks*, rector of St. Mark's church, New Milford, and missionary at Montrose, Springville, and other places in Susquehanna county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *James May*, rector of St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county.

The Rev. *William Cooper Mead*, D. D. rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *George Mintzer*, rector of St. Gabriel's church, Morlattan, (Douglassville,) Berks county, and missionary in Berks county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *James Montgomery*, D. D. rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Richard U. Morgan*, rector of St. John's church, Pequea, and St. Paul's church, Westwhiteland, Chester county, and Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. *Henry J. Morton*, assistant minister of St. James's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Francis Reno*, residing at Beaver, Beaver county.

The Rev. *John Reynolds*, rector of St. James's church, Perkiomen, and St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county, and assistant minister of the Swedish church, Upper Marion.

The Rev. *Greenbury W. Ridgely*, rector of St. James the Greater's church, Bristol, Bucks county.

The Rev. *John Rodney, jr.* rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. *George Sheets*, rector of Trinity church, Oxford, and All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. *George A. Smith*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *John Taylor*, residing in Pittsburg, Allegheny county.

The Rev. *John V. E. Thorne*, rector of Christ church, Huntingdon, Adams county.

The Rev. *Stephen H. Tyng*, rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *George Upfold*, D. D. rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. *Peter Van Pelt*, secretary of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Bird Wilson*, D. D. professor of systematic divinity in the General Theological Seminary.

The Rev. *James Wiltbank*, residing in Philadelphia.

DEACONS.

The Rev. *Frederick W. Beasley*, Deacon, Missionary and Rector of Trinity church, Easton, Northumberland county.

The Rev. *Sanson K. Brunot*, Deacon, Missionary, Rector of Christ church, Allegheny-town, Allegheny county.

The Rev. *John Davis*, Deacon.

The Rev. *Bennet Glover*, Deacon, Missionary at Erie and Waterford, Erie county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *George E. Hare*, Deacon, Rector of St. John's church, Carlisle, Cumberland county.

The Rev. *Cyrus H. Jacobs*, Deacon, Rector of Grace church, Penn-township, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *John H. Marsden*, Deacon, residing in Gettysburg, Adams county.

The Rev. *Samuel W. Selden*, Deacon, missionary, officiating in Georgetown church, and St. Paul's, Beaver county.

Total 58.

The Rev. *John B. Clemson*, of the Diocese of Delaware, officiates in the churches at Chester, Marcus Hook, and Concord, Delaware county.

The Rev. *James H. Tyng*, of the Diocese of Virginia, is officiating at Honesdale, in Wayne county.

The Rev. *Nathan Stem*, of the Diocese of Ohio, is officiating in St. Stephen's church, Harrisburgh.

List of the Congregations in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

ADAMS COUNTY.

Huntington township—Christ church.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY.

Kittanning—St. Paul's church.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

City of Pittsburg—Trinity church.

Allegheny—Christ church.

BEAVER COUNTY.

Georgetown—Georgetown church.

BERKS COUNTY.

Amity township (Morlatten)—St. Gabriel's church.

Reading—Christ church.

Morgantown—St. Thomas's church.

BRADFORD COUNTY.

Pike—St. Matthew's church.

BUCKS COUNTY.

Bristol—St. James the Greater's church.

BUTLER COUNTY.

Butler—St. Peter's church.

CENTRE COUNTY.

Phillipsburgh—Trinity church.

CHESTER COUNTY.

New London township—St. John's church.

East Nantmeal township—St. Mary's church.

Great Valley—St. Peter's church.

Pequea township—St. John's church.

West Whiteland township—St. Paul's church.

COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Sugarloaf township—St. Gabriel's church.

Bloomsburgh—St. Paul's church.

Madison, (Jerseytown)—Christ church.

CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Meadville—Christ church.

Rockville—Trinity church.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Carlisle—St. John's church.

DAUPHIN COUNTY.

Harrisburgh—St. Stephen's church.

DELAWARE COUNTY.

Chester—St. Paul's church.

Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook—St. Martin's church.

Concord township—St. John's church.

Newton township, Radnor—St. David's church.

ERIE COUNTY.

Erie—St. Paul's church.

Waterford—St. Peter's church.

FAYETTE COUNTY.

Brownsville—Christ church.

Manalapan—Grace church.

Connelsville—Trinity church.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY.

Huntingdon—St. John's church.

INDIANA COUNTY.

Blairsville—St. Peter's church.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

City of Lancaster—St. James's church.

Leacock township—Christ church.

Caernarvon township, Churchtown—Bangor church.

Marietta—Zion church.

LUZERNE COUNTY.

Wilkesbarre—St. Stephen's church.

LYCOMING COUNTY.

Muncy—St. James's church.

MERCER COUNTY.

Mercer—St. John's church.

MIFFLIN COUNTY.

Lewistown—St. Mark's church.

Thompstontown—St. Stephen's church.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Whitemarsh township—St. Thomas's church.

Perkiomen township—St. James's church.

Norristown—St. John's church.

Pottstown—Christ church.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Easton—Trinity church.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Milton—Christ church.

Sunbury—St. Matthew's church.

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.

The city of Philadelphia—Christ church, St. Peter's church, St. James's church, St. Paul's church, St. Stephen's church, St. Andrew's church.

Northern Liberties—St. John's church.

Southwark—Trinity church.

Francisville—St. Matthew's church.

Lower Dublin township—All Saints' church.

Oxford township—Trinity church.

Germantown—St. Luke's church.

Blockley township, Mantua—St. Mark's church.

Penn township—Grace church.

Hamiltonville—St. Mary's church.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

Springville—St. Jude's church.

New Milford—St. Mark's church.

Montrose—St. Paul's church.

VENANGO COUNTY.

Franklin—St. John's church.

Venango Furnace—St. James's church.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Pike-run township—St. Peter's church.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

Greensburg—Christ church.

YORK COUNTY.

York—St. John the Baptist's church.

Total 74.

There is also in Philadelphia, St. Thomas (African) church, not in union with the Convention.

List of Candidates for Orders in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, May, 1832.

John Campbell—since July 17, 1825.

Darius Williams, jr.—since March 6, 1826.

David Dick—since January 15, 1828.

Richard Collier—since August 29, 1828.

Charles Shaler—since September 19, 1828.

Edward Y. Buchanan—since August 11, 1829.

Augustin P. Prevost—since March, 1830.

Samuel T. Lord—since May 21, 1830.

Henry S. Nightingale—since September 22, 1830.

William Adderly—since February 18, 1831.

Thomas Crumpton—since February 18, 1831.

Henry B. Page—since February 18, 1831.

George W. Cole—since September 9, 1831.

Samuel A. M'Croskey—since November 7, 1831.

George C. Drake—since January 5, 1832.

John B. Foster—since April 3, 1832.

Henry F. M. Whitesides—since April 3, 1832.

Samuel G. Callahan—since May 8, 1832.

Total 18.

*in account with James S. Smith, Treasurer.**Cr.*

1831.			
May 18	By cash per Mr. Bean, being amount of collection in St. James's church, Perkiomen, . . .	\$7 12	
	per Rev. Mr. Hare, being collection in St. John's church, Carlisle, . . .	11	
19	per Mr. Stannart, being collection in St. John's church, New London, Chester co. being collection in St. Thomas's church, Morgantown, . . .	3	4 85
	being collection in St. Mary's church, East Nantmeal, Chester county, . . .	2 25	
	per Wm. J. Bell, Esq. being collection in St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia, . . .	77 91	
	per Mr. I. B. Davis, being collection in Trinity church, Pittsburgh, . . .	12 50	
	per Rev. Mr. Bowman, being collection in St. James's church, Lancaster, . . .	27 50	
	per Rev. Mr. May, being collection in St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre, . . .	5 85	
21	being collection in St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia, . . .	51 71	
	per Mr. Shattuck, being collections in Christ church, Meadville, viz: in 1830, . . .	10 36	
	1831, . . .	10	
			20 36
26	per Mr. Huddell, being collection in Trinity church, Southwark, . . .	16 02	
July 12	per Rev. Mr. Sheets, being collections in All Saints church, Lower Dublin, and Trinity church, Oxford, . . .	16 84	
August 3	being interest on stock, (state loan) from February 1, 1831, to August 1, 1831, . . .	332 89	
Novemb. 22	per Mr. Stavely, being collection in St. David's church, Newtown, Delaware county, . . .	4	
1832.			
Feb. 3	being interest on stock, (state loan,) from August 1st, 1831, to February 1st, 1832, . . .	332 89	
April 30	being collection in St. James's church, Philad. . .	60 04	
May 2	being collection in St. Peter's church, do. . .	46 48	
3	being collection in Christ church, do. . .	39 39	
			\$1072 60.

*JAMES S. SMITH, Treasurer.**Philadelphia, May 8th, 1832.*

*Bought for the Episcopal Fund, per order James S. Smith,
Esq. Treasurer. Pennsylvania 5 per cent. redeemable
1853.*

1831 June 27th,	\$218 25	at	110	per cent.	\$240 07
1832 May 10th,	145 63	at	114½	per cent.	166 75
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	\$363 88				\$406 82
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Received payment and transferred the stock to the Trustees.
HALE & DAVIDSON.

Philadelphia.

The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania is invested wholly in the five per cent. stock of the State of Pennsylvania, and amounts at this time to the sum of thirteen thousand four hundred and sixty-one dollars and twenty-seven cents.

JOHN READ,
THOMAS HALE, } *Trustees of the*
JAMES S. SMITH, } *Episcopal Fund.*

Philadelphia, May 14th, 1832.

Dr. *The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania, with Tobias Wagner, Treasurer.* Cr.

1832.		1832.	
April 14	To cash paid W. J. Bell, Esq. postage on letter from Lancaster, . . .	\$ 12	By cash received of W. J. Bell, Esq. the former treasurer, balance in his hands, .
May 1	To do. Salisbury, . . .	12	By do. received of Christ church, Meadville, per W. J. Bell, Esq. .
8	Balance in the hands of the treasurer, .	52 67	By do. do. St. Mary's church, New Milford, per Mr. J. Badger's letter, .
	Besides one certificate for \$600, state 5 per cent. stock.		
		\$52 91	\$52 91
			By balance brought down, cash, .
			Stock, .
			\$600

The above account has been examined and found correct.

W. H. DE LANCEY, } Committee.
CHARLES WHEELER, }
Philadelphia, May 8th, 1832.

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

TOBIAS WAGNER, *Treasurer.*
Philadelphia, May 8th, 1832.

Dr. The Convention of Protestant Episcopal Church in

1831.		
May 27	To cash paid Rev. Dr. Kemper, for postage of a letter to the committee from Brownsville,	\$ 40
June 22	To do. paid Jesper Harding, per order of the Standing committee, for printing Journals in 1830, &c.	145 97
July 18	To do. paid Wm. Hoyland, per order of Standing Committee, for having tan placed in the street during the late sittings of the Convention, and other expenses,	24 81
October 15	To do. paid Jesper Harding, per order of Dr. Mead, Secretary of Standing Committee, for printing Journals of this year,	126 52
	To do. paid W. J. Bell & Co. for postage they paid 14 May last, of a letter from Brownsville,	20
	To do. paid do. for the \$50 state stock sold 15th inst. now bought again at same price,	55 50
1832.		
April 9	To balance in the hands of the treasurer, besides two certificates for \$600 state five per cent. stock,	22 91
		<hr/> \$376 32 <hr/>

The above account has been examined and found correct.

JAMES. S SMITH, }
CHARLES WHEELER, } Committee.

Philadelphia, April 10th, 1832.

*Pennsylvania, with William J. Bell, late Treasurer.**Cr.*

1831.			
May 10	By balance from former account,		\$10 82
11	By cash received from Christ church, Brownsville,		5
18	All Saints, Lower Dublin,	\$5	
	Trinity, Oxford,	5	
	St. James, (Greater,) Bristol,	5	
	St. David's, Radnor,	5	
	St. Mary's, East Nantmeal,	5	
	St. John's, Norristown	5	
	Trinity, Pittsburgh,	55	
	St. Thomas's, Whitemarsh,	5	
	Christ church, Leacock,	5	
	St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre,	5	
	Trinity, Southwark,	5	
	St. John's, N. London & Roads,	5	
	St. Thomas's, Morgantown,	10	
	St. James's, Perkiomen,	5	
		—	125
19	St. Stephen's, Harrisburgh,		5
24	St. James's, Lancaster,		20
June 1	Trinity church, Philipsburgh, per		
	John M. Wright,		20
July 11	Christ church, Philadelphia,		20
	St. Peter's, do.		20
August 1	for six months interest, due to-day, on \$600		
	state 5 per cent. stock,		15
Septemb. 9	from St. John's church, Carlisle,		5
October 15	Wm. John Bell & Co. for \$50 state five		
	per cent. stock, sold by them at		
	111 per cent.		55 50
21	St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia,		20
22	St. Andrew's do. do.		20
	St. James's do. do.		20
1832.			
February 1	received six months interest, due to-day, on		
	\$600 state 5 per cent. stock,		15
			\$376 32
April 9	By balance brought down, cash,		\$22 91
	By cash received from St. Paul's church, Philad.		20
	Stock,	\$600	
			\$42 91

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

WILLIAM J. BELL, *Treasurer.**Philadelphia, April 9th, 1832.*

* Mr. Bell, being about to leave the state for some time, resigned the Treasurership on the 9th of April: and on the 10th of April Mr. Tobias Wagner was unanimously chosen Treasurer, by the Standing Committee of the diocese.

Abstract of Bishop White's Address, 1832.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop White reports that he has consecrated one bishop, ordained two priests, confirmed one hundred and thirty-seven persons: that one of the clergy of the diocese has died, and that he has granted letters dimissory to four presbyters and one deacon: and that he has admitted into the diocese on letters dimissory, one presbyter and two deacons. He reports, that the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society has received a great increase of patronage; but that its wants increase more than its funds: that the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania continues its efficiency: that the Female Tract Society increases in usefulness: that the General Episcopal Sunday School Union has increased in auxiliaries, and promises to be more and more efficient: that the Corporation for the Support of the Widows and Children of Deceased Clergymen, continues to increase in its means, but not in the number of its annuitants. He also reports that the Episcopal Fund increases very slowly, and that the Philadelphia Bible Society continues to increase its useful labours.

Abstract of Bishop Onderdonk's Address, 1832.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk reports, that he has made various visitations in the diocese, spent two Sundays in the diocese of Delaware, preached on five Sundays at Camden, in the diocese of New Jersey, and in this diocese one hundred and ten times: that he has ordained one deacon, assisted in the consecration of one bishop, confirmed one hundred and sixty-four persons, consecrated three churches, baptized twelve children, and administered the Lord's Supper thirteen times, besides at the ordination. He also reports that there are thirteen missionaries employed in the diocese, by the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, under the ecclesiastical authority, and that there are being built six church edifices.

Abstract of Parochial Reports.

Reports have been received from twenty-nine clergymen, representing forty-five churches.

Some of the reports do not state the number of Sunday school teachers and scholars: others do not distinguish between the infant and adult baptisms.

Several do not mention the sums of money collected for the institutions of the church.

The following are the aggregates of the various items generally named in the reports.

BAPTISMS.		COMMUNICANTS.	
Adults,	117	Added,	404
Infants,	580	Died and removed,	75
		Present number,	2726
Total,	697		
Confirmed,	297	Sunday School Teachers,	443
Marriages,	229	Scholars,	5028
Funerals,	358		

Money reported as collected for the institutions of the church, for education, missionary, and other benevolent objects, \$5,523 48.

Church edifices building, enlarged, or completed during the year, 10.

New churches admitted into union with the diocese at this Convention, 3.

NOTICE.

The next annual Convention of the church in this diocese, will be held in St. James's church, Philadelphia, on the third Tuesday of May, 1833, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM COOPER MEAD, *Secretary.*